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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Our mission is to be more visible, to become more connected, and to draw closer, with Christ as our center.



PASSAGES

Our founding Pastor, Pastor Orville Lind - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, holds esteem as we give thanks for the life and ministry of Pastor Lind. His first assignment was to come to Monroe and begin a mission start-up. He was here for seven years before leaving for assignment to Chelmsford, MA as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. He served as Pastor there for 33 years. Husband for 62 years, father and grandfather, active in Synod and Camp Calumet, he was a good and faithful servant. We at GSLC are grateful for him. Donations in Pastor Lind's honor may be made to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Bob Carlson - long time member of Good Shepherd - Bob loved this congregation! A servant/leader, he served in many capacities, along with his wife, Joanne, to make our church flourish. A Memorial Service will be celebrated Sunday, August 7th at 2 pm. All are welcome. Cards may be sent to Bob Carlson's daughter, Karen. Please call the office for Karen's address.

Finally, please keep GSLC member, Kristen Baron, and her family in your prayers. Her beloved mother, Nancy Ellen Johnson, recently passed away at the age of 76.

May God comfort all who mourn. We give you thanks, God of Life, for Your faithful love which sustains us through death and loss, into love and hope.

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Worship Information -

*** Good Shepherd is currently on "Summer schedule". This means that one service is held every Sunday at 9:30am. Choir practice is at 8:45am. Please join us!**

Hymnals are available for use. Please note that if you are uncomfortable using the hymnals, there will be a limited number of freshly copied "Hymn Packets" available upon request at each service.

Please continue to read Friday's weekly "Worship E-mail", or check our Facebook Page for any updates / changes.

*** Masks are no longer required at any time ***

If you prefer to join us for prerecorded online worship instead, you can:

- 1) Go to the Good Shepherd website www.gslc-ct.org. Under "News & Events", click on youtube to be directed to our church's YouTube page.
- 2) Go to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-220717937953573/> Scroll down until you see the post with the current "Church Service (date)". Click on it to be directed to our church's YouTube page.
- 3) To find us directly on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/> enter Good Shepherd Monroe CT in the search field and you will be directed to our page. From there, select the worship video you would like to see. Subscribe to our channel to make it even easier.

Whichever worship choice works best for you, we are delighted to have you worship with us!

Prayer List -

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Kathy, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Mark, Scarlet, Ryan, Sharon & Rosemary.



Do you have something you would like to discuss with Pastor Doug?

Should you be in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Doug Ryniewicz. You can reach him by text, or phone at: 860-595-9560. His email is: dearynos@gmail.com



7/18/22 - Council Meeting.

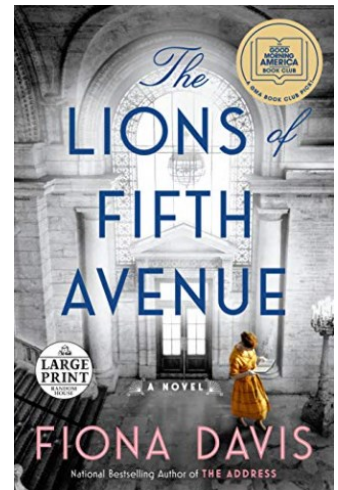
8/2/22 - Book Club at 2pm. See below for details.

*** Choir practice - every Sunday at 8:45am.**

*** Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. * Please contact Barbara Abraham by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321 if you wish to come on a Monday morning. If you'd like to join on a Wednesday, contact Ellie Noll at: 203-888-7009, or Eileen Holleran at: 203-426-0005. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598. Anyone is welcome!

AUGUST BOOK CLUB -

**I ♥
Book Club**



Our next Book Club has been announced. Please join us on **August 2nd at 2pm** to discuss "The Lions Of Fifth Avenue", by Fiona Davis.

All are welcome!

Save the Date

October 27 – 29, 2022

New England

Women^{of the} **ELCA** 

Biennial Convention and Gathering

Camp Calumet, Freedom, NH



*Come with your stories and/or come to listen to other's stories.
Come and share the Love and/or come to be loved, give love or
Just Love.*

... and leave to share the love and tell the stories.

1 John 4:19 – we love because he first loved us

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Middle East and North Africa Ministries

The Middle East/North Africa (MENA) area desk has been working with regional partners on some exciting new ELCA-supported programs. In Lebanon, the MENA desk has helped the Contact and Resource Center (CRC), a Christian organization serving disabled adults, to break ground on a new farm and guesthouse that will employ adults with disabilities and bring in revenue to support the CRC's ongoing work. In Jerusalem, the MENA desk is supporting the Lutheran World Federation affordable housing project, which will soon begin construction in Beit Hanina. The ELCA also continues to accompany our partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, as it ministers to members and neighbors at a time when the perseverance of the Palestinian Christian community is being tested by the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing occupation, and increases in violence and harassment. In Cairo, St. Andrew's United Church of Cairo and St. Andrew's Refugee Services continue a growing ministry of service to refugees.

Two new missionary couples have been welcomed to the region: the Rev. Cory Driver and Sarah Driver are assigned to Cairo, where Cory serves as director of graduate programs for the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, and the Rev. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick and the Rev. Adam Miller-Stubbendick will serve in Jerusalem as country coordinators for the Jerusalem/West Bank YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) program, which is scheduled to resume this year.



Local schoolchildren learn about bird migration at the ELCJHL's Environmental Education Center.



Shepherd's Pantry -

The Monroe Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance for over 100 needy individuals and families in Monroe each month. The Social Ministry and Community Outreach Committee invite you to contribute items to the Shepherd's Pantry located in the narthex. You may drop them off during office hours, or on Sunday mornings. The items are delivered to the Monroe Food Pantry once a month.

* From the Monroe Food Pantry...

Kids are home for the summer, so we can use several items to help our local families:

Snack items (like chips, pretzels, etc.)

Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)

Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, mayo

Salad dressing (Ranch/Thousand Island/French/Balsamic)

Canned fruits and vegetables

Brownie and cake mix

Egg noodles

Instant potatoes

Cooking oil

Strawberry jelly

Rice and pasta sides

Sugar

Flour

Oatmeal, original and instant

Coffee

Tea

Jarred pasta sauce

Jell-O and puddings

Toiletry items (deodorant/shampoo/conditioner/soap)

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Cleaning products

Laundry detergent



Thank you for your support!

Summerfield -



There is an ongoing need for nutritious food for the kids at Summerfield. Protein is especially needed. GSLC Council has challenged the congregation to provide funds for the purchase of nutritious food. GSLC will match donations from members for up to \$250 per month. Pastor Gaston has told us that \$500 per month would meet their nutritious food needs. If you wish to donate, please write a check out to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" with the notation, "Food For Summerfield". Thank you!

Financial News -

*** Financial Statements** are still available on the wood table in the narthex. They cover the period through 4/30/22. If you can not get to Church and need yours mailed, please contact the office.

VANCO - ELCA PREFERRED ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM -



Please feel free to try our online giving platform, Vanco. Vanco is an ELCA preferred vendor, that gives you the option of using their free mobile app to make donating to Good Shepherd easy and contactless. Simply download the Vanco Mobile App, select "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Monroe" and follow the prompts to donate.

If you are hesitant to download the app, just go to our website, www.gslc-ct.org, scroll down to the Vanco link, click and donate.

The traditional ways of giving, like bringing, or mailing envelopes to Church still stand. Vanco is just another way to make giving easy. If you do choose to use Vanco for online giving, please know that the Church will incur a fee per transaction. However, you can offset this cost by selecting the "cover processing fees" option at checkout.

If you are interested, but have questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie in the office!

Sunday, July 17, 2022 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalms 15 (1)

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42



Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."